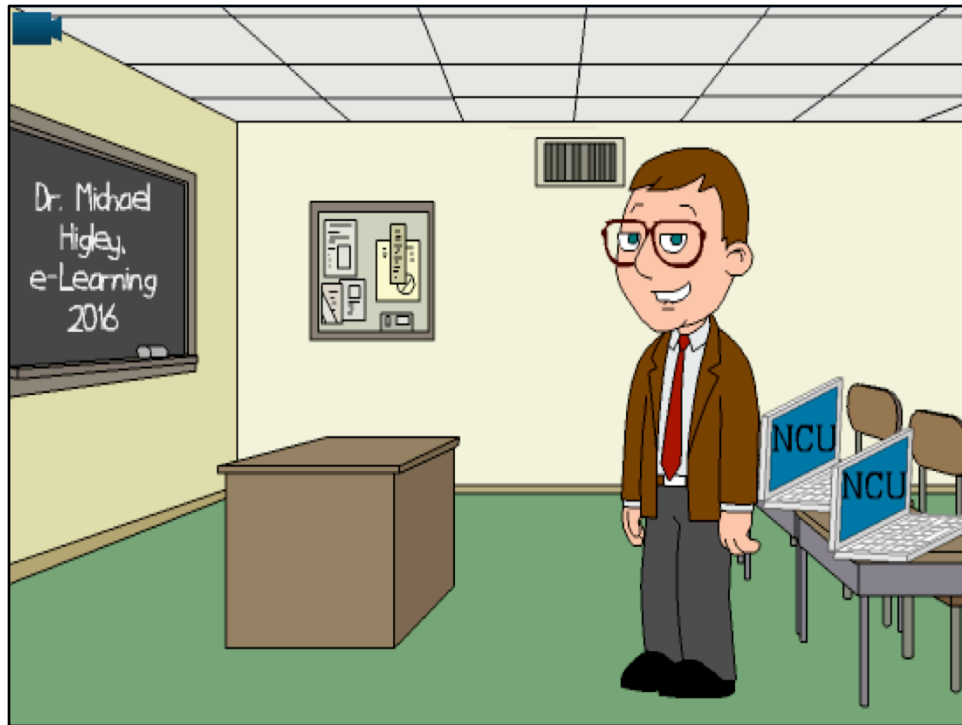
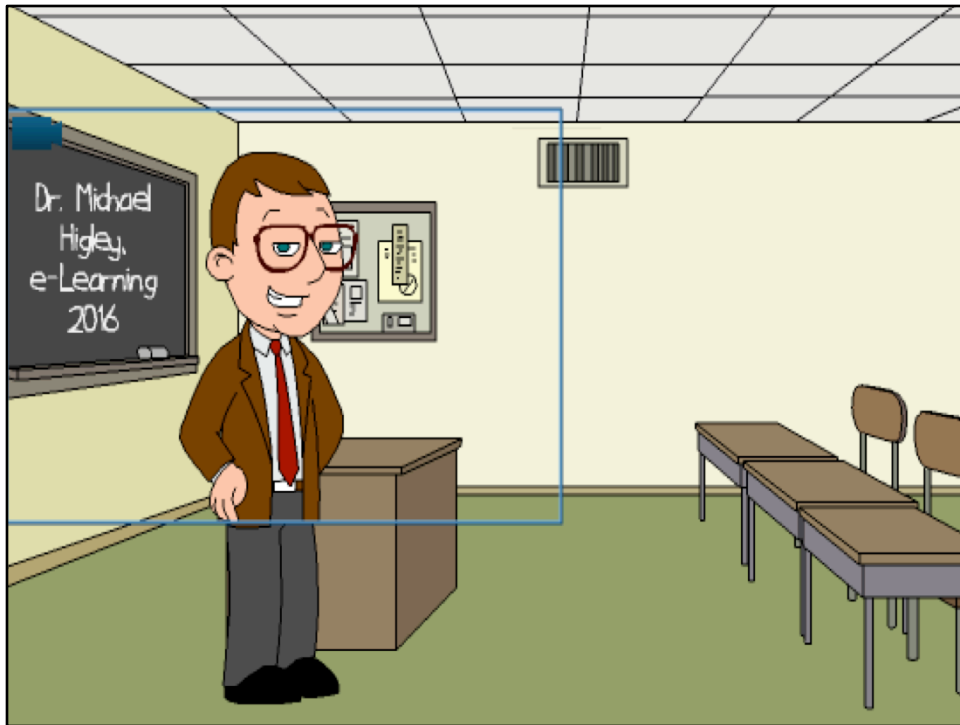




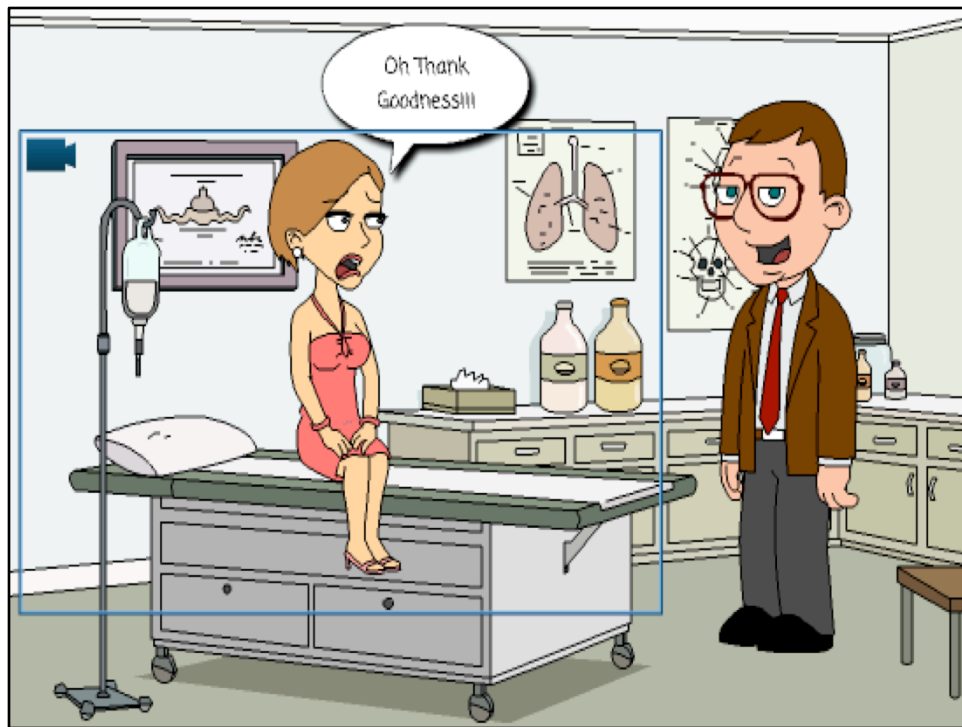
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"Make the most of yourself, for that is all there is of you. This quote by Ralph Waldo Emerson is one of only a few quotes we hold as a core belief.



My name is Doctor Michael Higley...and I'm you in no time at all. You have accomplished one of the most important goals in your life!



No, not this type of doctor.



But a doctor of education in e-Learning...and it hasn't been easy getting here. You will experience many obstacles.



Like being a single dad of three...Henry who's in elementary school.



and lets not forget the girls, Ashley and Maggie. Every day will be a challenge balancing your personal life with school and work. You will be tired but you can do it.



As you continue your journey to achieving your dream with Northcentral University, remember to make time each day for school work and never forget your unifying principles.



Family, school, and work are the three most important principles guiding your life during this time. Don't get discouraged!



Remember to flexicute your time wisely at home and work. Review your course work ahead of time and plan out the time it will take to accomplish all the assignments on schedule.



With hard work, persistence, and good organizational practice you'll be Doctor Higley before you know it. Keep your expectations high of yourself.



However, when you feel you've been torn down in the process just think about your ultimate goal of achieving your doctorate, think about your kids,



and think about the words that Abraham Lincoln once said about perseverance



"The fight must go on," he said, "The cause must not be surrendered at the end of just one, or even one hundred defeats." So my advice to you is be persistent and don't give up



Finally remember what your mentor, Mel Finkenberg, said about the program coming to an end and being able to recapture "lost time" with family and friends.